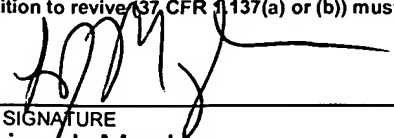


<b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371</b>		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER 2884 (203-3592PCTUS) U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5) TO BE ASSIGNED <b>10/540197</b>
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/US2003/041068	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 22 December 2003	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 20 December 2002
TITLE OF INVENTION <b>VACUUM ASSISTED SURGICAL STAPLER</b>		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Bruce Jankowski et al		
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
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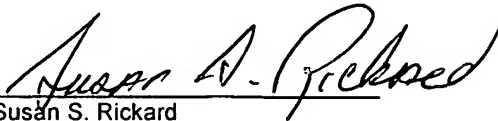
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	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	
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Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
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Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

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Fee Description	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)
Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)	50	25
Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)	200	100
Multiple dependent claims	360	180

**Total Claims** 18 - 20 or HP =        x        = 0  
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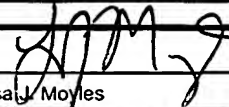
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